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David Waddell, Executive Secretary  
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Re: *Generic Docket to Establish UNE Prices for Line Sharing per FCC 99-355 and Riser Cable and Terminating Wire as Ordered in TRA Docket No. 98-00123*  
Docket No. 00-00544

Dear Mr. Waddell:

The Staff submitted data requests to BellSouth asking about the availability of the interim rates approved by the Authority in this proceeding. In light of BellSouth's discussions with the Directors yesterday concerning the same issue and the Directors' request that BellSouth set forth its position as to the availability of the interim rates by letter no later than Friday, March 9, 2001, BellSouth respectfully requests that it not be required to answer the Staff data requests today. BellSouth is considering all of the comments made by the Directors yesterday with respect to this issue and believes the letter it will file on Friday of this week will be responsive not only to the Directors' questions but to the Staff's written questions as well.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

  
Guy M. Hicks

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